

1 **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

2 Systems and methods for updating the presence information of a user associated
3 with one or more clients. The presence information often indicates the status of a user in
4 an instant messaging environment. A client view is associated with each separate client
5 and the master view or status reflected to other subscribers or clients in the instant
6 messaging environment is determined by evaluating each of the separate client views. In
7 this manner the current status of a user may be accurately reflected to a user's subscribers.

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